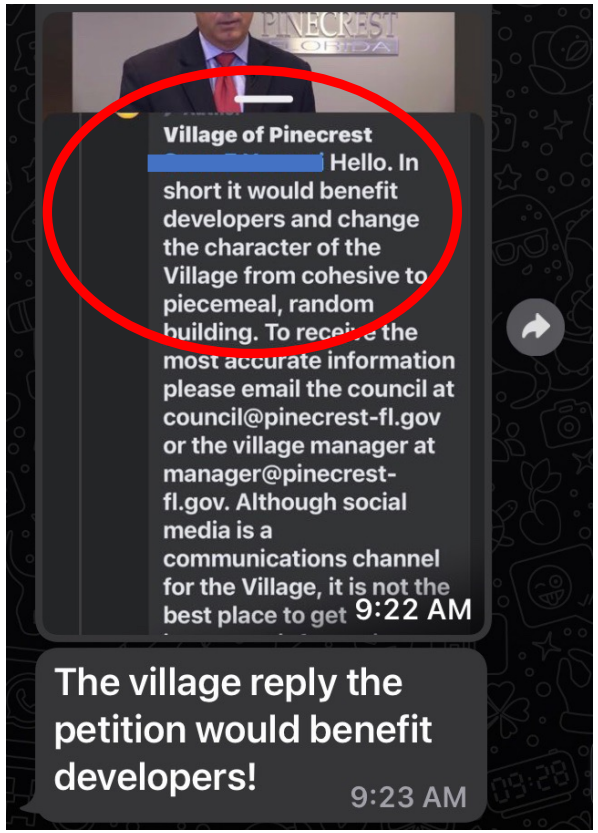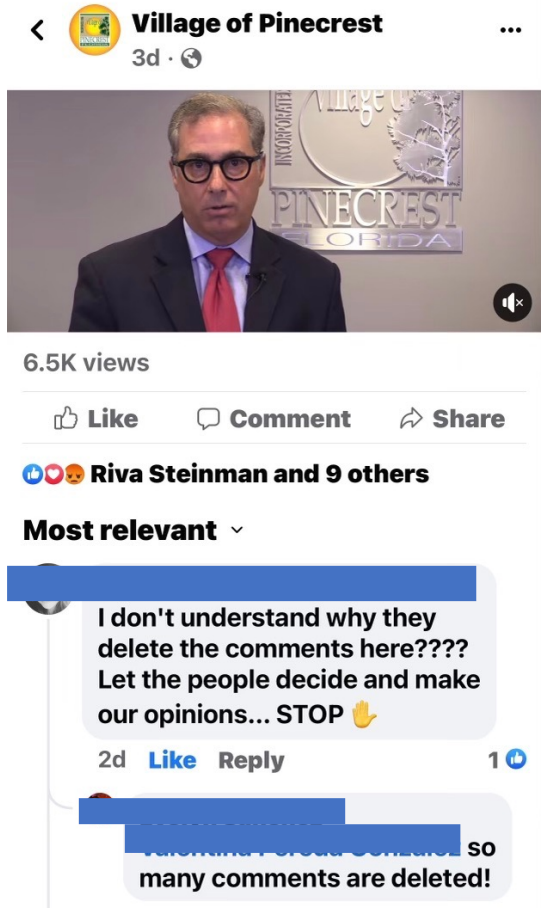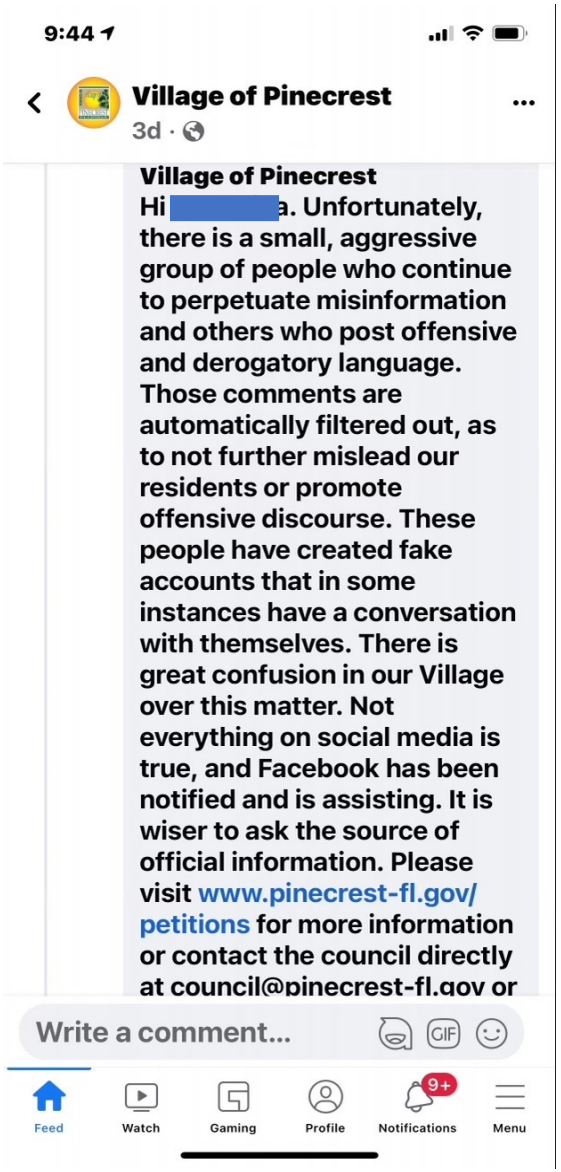TAXPAYER FUNDED PR FIRM TO SILENCE RESIDENTS